

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings and versions of claims in this application:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for removing extraneous substances from at least one textile absorber, which comprises:  
cleaning each textile absorber in a cleaning fluid consisting essentially of n-propyl bromide to remove a portion of the extraneous substances from each textile absorber;  
and  
separating an amount of cleaning fluid and the portion of extraneous substances from each cleaned textile absorber.
2. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 1, which further comprises initially physically removing ~~an initial portion of the~~ excess extraneous substances from each textile absorber prior to cleaning each textile absorber.
3. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 2, wherein the physically removing comprises draining the ~~initial portion of the~~ excess extraneous substances by gravity to separate the ~~initial portion~~ excess from each textile absorber.
4. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 2, wherein the physically removing comprises disposing each textile absorber on a grid to facilitate draining the ~~initial portion of the~~ excess extraneous substances away from each textile absorber.
5. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 2, where the removing comprises centrifuging each textile absorber.
6. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 5, wherein the centrifuging takes place at a rate of at least 900 RPM.

7. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 5, wherein the centrifuging takes places at a rate of 900 RPM to 1200 RPM.

8. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 5, wherein the centrifuging is done until less than approximately 2% extraneous substances remain in each textile absorber.

9. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 5, wherein the centrifuging is done until less than approximately 0.5% extraneous substances remain in each textile absorber.

10. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, which further comprises distilling the amount of cleaning fluid to remove one or more impurities so that the cleaning fluid can be reused.

11. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 10, wherein the distilled cleaning fluid contains less than approximately 15% extraneous substances.

12. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 10, wherein the distilled cleaning fluid contains less than approximately 5% extraneous substances.

13. (Currently Amended) A method for removing extraneous substances from at least one textile absorber, which comprises:

dry cleaning each textile absorber in reused cleaning fluid ~~comprising~~  
consisting essentially of n-propyl bromide to remove a first portion of extraneous substances from each textile absorber;

separating a first cleaning fluid portion and the first portion of extraneous substances from each dry cleaned textile absorber; and

distilling the first cleaning fluid portion to remove ~~said~~ an amount of the first portion of extraneous substances therefrom.

14. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the cleaning fluid comprises less than approximately 15% extraneous substances.

15. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the cleaning fluid comprises less than approximately 5% extraneous substances.

16. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 13, which further comprises initially physically removing ~~an initial portion of~~ excess extraneous substances from each textile absorber by gravity before the dry cleaning.

17. (Cancelled).

18. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 13, which further comprises initially physically removing ~~a first portion of~~ excess extraneous substances from each textile absorber by centrifuging each textile absorber before the dry cleaning.

19. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 13, wherein dry cleaning is done in an industrial dry cleaning machine having two distillers.

20. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the reused cleaning fluid consists essentially of n-propyl bromide after a plurality of dry cleaning, separating, and distilling steps.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the cleaning fluid consists of n-propyl bromide.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein each textile absorber comprises clothing and the cleaning comprises dry cleaning.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the extraneous substances comprise one or more of dirt, dust, particulates, oils, grease, coolants, glycol or

other solvents.

24. (Currently Amended) A method for removing extraneous substances from one or more textile absorbers, which comprises:

storing at ambient temperature a cleaning fluid that is operatively associated with a cleaning zone and that ~~comprising~~consists essentially of n-propyl bromide; and

cleaning each textile absorber in the cleaning zone with the cleaning fluid to remove a portion of the extraneous substances from each textile absorber.

25. (Currently Amended) A method for removing extraneous substances from one or more textile absorbers, which comprises:

containing a cleaning fluid ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of n-propyl bromide in a closed vessel to minimize evaporation;

circulating the cleaning fluid through a closed loop cleaning system so that a portion of the cleaning fluid contacts each textile absorber in a dry cleaning zone; and

dry cleaning each textile absorber in the dry cleaning zone to remove a portion of the extraneous substances therefrom;

wherein the closed loop cleaning system includes at least one pneumatic device comprising stainless steel to facilitate circulation of the cleaning fluid.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein each pneumatic device is a ball valve that comprises at least one stainless steel ball.